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Executive Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is with regret that I feel compelled to bring to your attention an incident, which occurred last Friday morning and involved one of your employees. During the rush hour traffic and amid the snowfall which hampered driving, my car was forced off the pavement by the driver of one of your vehicles, a Pontiac station wagon, U. S. Government license tag EO 4271.

This occurred on Arlington Blvd. (Route 50) while both vehicles were travelling east a few hundred feet past Seven Corners near this city, your vehicle in the inner lane and my car in the outer lane. The left (inner) lane was slowed up by another car attempting to make a left turn, whereas the right (outer) lane maintained speed. In view of the hazardous driving conditions, I was at least two car-lengths to the rear of the preceding car in my lane.

Without any warning, your vehicle, while only half a car-length ahead of me in the other lane, swerved into the right lane, cutting me off and forcing me off the pavement onto the shoulder. As this was occurring and I stepped on my brakes, I blew my horn, but this had no effect on the driver of your vehicle. The traffic slowed up at a traffic light ahead, and I managed to get behind your vehicle to take down the license number.

Due to the deteriorated traffic condition caused by the weather, I did not wish to stop your vehicle and report the matter to the police, however I did call the District police to find out about the license tag. They referred me to General Services who advised me the vehicle was assigned to your office.

The driver was female and there were two other passengers in the front seat, another female next to the driver and a male at the end of the seat. Two other males were in the center seat and none in the rear. The condition in the front seat could not be conducive to good driving, especially under the hazards created by the weather, and I have my doubts as to whether your vehicle was being used for strictly Government business.

Respectfully yours,

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